

to not really make a request, but almost impose upon you to say you have an obligation to work with us for all of your remaining years, to keep those columns coming, those op-ed pieces, to keep the letters and speeches coming, and never, ever stop probing our conscience, making us take that extra step to work for our constituents and the meaning of the United States.

Thank you, Senator MOYNIHAN.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 3 minutes.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to a great public servant and a dear friend, Senator Daniel Patrick MOYNIHAN. It is hard to believe, but we know you are going to stay fighting with us all this time.

Senator MOYNIHAN has served our country honorably through more than 4 decades of public life and four distinguished terms as Senator from New York. I want to especially salute Liz, our friend, your soulmate, your champion, your partner, your friend and fighter for all the causes that are good in New York and this country. We know you are going to continue to fight with us, Liz.

As a New Yorker, it has been an honor to be represented by Senator MOYNIHAN; and, as a Member of Congress, it has truly been a privilege for me to work with him. A leading advocate for New York's renowned medical schools and teaching hospitals, Senator MOYNIHAN has fought tirelessly to make sure that New York receives the Federal health care dollars that it deserves.

As a member of the Irish caucus, I have seen firsthand Senator MOYNIHAN's passionate commitment to establishing peace with justice for the people of Northern Ireland. Senator MOYNIHAN has also worked relentlessly to strengthen the United States-Israel relationship and to bring peace to that troubled region.

Yet Senator MOYNIHAN's storied legislative career, numerous political appointments and 62 honorary degrees are only part of what makes him so remarkable. Anyone who has had the pleasure of his company or the opportunity to work and fight by his side knows that his eloquence, intellect and dignity have made him a model leader for all Americans and a venerable advocate for the people of New York.

Indeed, Senator MOYNIHAN has been a guiding light on so many issues critical to the American landscape, perhaps nowhere more evident than his lifelong commitment to ending poverty in this country. With his incisive intellect, his boundless passion, Senator MOYNIHAN has worked tirelessly to speak for those who have no voice and to mend the social fabric of our Nation.

I know I speak for all New York and the Nation when I say that this institution will lose a brilliant mind when Senator MOYNIHAN retires next year, but we will continue to have your brilliant mind in fighting with us on all these critical issues that mean so much to New York and this country.

I will always treasure the time I have served with and have been represented by my good friend, Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN. We wish you well. Godspeed to you, Liz, as well.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 1 minute.

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to join my fellow colleagues in honoring the distinguished Senator from New York. For almost a quarter of a century, DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN has represented the interests of the people of New York with a thoughtful, diplomatic leadership presence in the Senate. He has defined politics of civility.

His experience and expertise in domestic policy, foreign policy, science and the arts has guided our country through some of her toughest challenges. As a new Member of Congress seeking guidance, Senator MOYNIHAN and his staff were there for me whenever I called on them on behalf of the constituents of the 6th Congressional District.

Senator MOYNIHAN's professional story during four honorable Senate terms serves as a powerful contrast to the prevailing cynicism about politics and public service. PAT MOYNIHAN has been a larger-than-life figure for New York and the Senate, being a true role model and a great leader, with grace and wisdom, that has made all Americans proud, no matter what party, race, sex, religion or creed, no matter whether you are rich or you are poor. Indeed, Senator MOYNIHAN, your career has been about bringing people together. What a great legacy, about bringing people together and caring for all.

Open behalf of my constituents, I thank Senator MOYNIHAN for his dedication and distinguished public service; and I wish him and his wife, Liz, all of God's blessing. The people of New York will miss him greatly. So will the Congress, and so will our country.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. KELLY) is recognized during morning hour debates for 3 minutes.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, when I first met Senator DANIEL PATRICK

MOYNIHAN, it was early in his career. As a graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, he was, with characteristic concern for quality education, working with my husband and others to form a New York chapter of the Tufts Alumni Association. Its purpose was to found and fund scholarships and identify bright young students who would benefit from a college education. I remember then thinking how impressive he was in his grasp and understanding of the need of a quality education for all and the need for its early recognition.

When DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN ran for Senator from New York, it was as native son come home. A list of Senator MOYNIHAN's accomplishments would run on for hours, and we have heard many of them recounted here today. However, the most important things I believe so many will remember about him will be the fact that he changed their lives. He changed so many by applying intellect and concern for policy over politics.

During his distinguished career, many people gained a better quality of life and many people were able to better understand the government's functions, thanks to his thoughtful work.

Senator MOYNIHAN, it has been a great pleasure to work across the aisle from this House to the Senate and with you. We thank you for your hard work, and I thank you also for the work of your excellent staff. Although Washington may miss you, sir, we welcome you back to New York.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 2 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that a non-New Yorker has been able to get a word in edgewise this morning. I come to the floor as a fourth generation Washingtonian to pay tribute to a great New Yorker and a great American. Actually, I was a New Yorker. I was Chair of the New York City Human Rights Commission and I was the executive assistant to Mayor John Lindsey. The Senator introduced me when I was nominated to be the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

But I come this morning because Washingtonians would want me to come and other Americans would want me to come to thank the Senator for what he has done for the Nation's Capital, and, therefore, for his country. This is only one of the unique roles the Senator has managed to carve out in 25 years in the Senate.

As an African American, I also thank him for the prescient role he played in pointing out difficulties in the black family, a position that has now been embraced by black leadership themselves. As an academic, I thank him for